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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' TRIP PLANS

REFS: MONTEVIDEO 565 NOTAL; MONTEVIDEO 616 NOTAL

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. FOR AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA: I REGRET THAT COMMITMENTS AT BOTH ENDS OF MY TRAVEL SCHEDULE DO NOT PERMIT ME TO SPEND THE TIME IN MONTEVIDEO THAT I SHOULD LIKE. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO YOUR URGINGS I HAVE REVISED MY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE MORE TIME DURING WORKING HOURS IN URUGUAY. THIS REVISION SHOULD ALLOW TIME FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BORDABERRY AND THE REST OF THE MORNING AND A WORKING LUNCH WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO, IF CONVENIENT FOR HIM.

2. THUS, THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

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MARCH 10 ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES 0750 TWA 800

-- DEPART BUENOS AIRES 0815
-- ARRIVE MONTEVIDEO 0900
-- DEPART MONTEVIDEO 1430
-- ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES 1515

MARCH 11 DEPART BUENOS AIRES 1350 KLM 793
-- ARRIVE SANTIAGO 1450

MARCH 12 DEPART SANTIAGO 1245 AR 360
-- ARRIVE LIMA 1405

3. FOR AMBASSADOR HILL: THE SCHEDULE YOU PROPOSE IS EXCELLENT IN TERMS OF THE RANGE OF CONTACTS, BUT PRESENTS SOME PROBLEMS FOR ME IN LIGHT OF MY REVISED TRAVEL PLANS. IT WOULD NOT ALLOW ME TO GO TO MONTEVIDEO EITHER AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF MY STAY IN THE AREA. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO RESCHEDULE THE MEETINGS WITH VIGNES AND GOMES MORALES SO THAT I CAN HOLD TO THE TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT PERON (OR EVEN MOVE IT UP TO 11:00), THEN DEPART FOR SANTIAGO IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS. I ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE YOUR INVITATION TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE THE EVENING OF MARCH 11.

4. GIVEN POSSIBILITY THAT ATTACHE PLANE NOT AVAILABLE, BUENOS AIRES SHOULD SEND SCHEDULES OF ALL FLIGHTS FROM EZEIZA AND AEROPARQUE TO MONTEVIDEO AND RETURN ON ABOVE DAYS.

5. OTHER MATTERS: I WOULD PREFER NOT TO MEET WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN ON THIS TRIP. I WILL DO WHATEVER YOU BELIEVE NECESSARY WITH THE PRESS, GIVEN THE TIGHT TIME RESTRAINTS.

6. PLEASE TELL FOREIGN MINISTERS VIGNES AND BLANCO THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM AGAIN, AND THAT I WISH I COULD STAY LONGER, BUT COMMITMENTS UPON MY RETURN REQUIRE THIS TO BE A QUICK TRIP. EMPHASIZE TO VIGNES THAT SCHEDULING PROBLEMS MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR ME GO TO URUGUAY FIRST; HOWEVER, SECRETARY KISSINGER PLANS TO START HIS VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA WITH BUENOS AIRES. KISSINGER CONFIDENTIAL

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